## STRATE OF ARKANISAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## PROCLAMATION

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is committed to promoting the health and well-being of all of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The Arkansas Minority Health Commission was created to ensure that all minority Arkansans have access to health care that is equal to the care received by other citizens of the State and to seek ways to address and treat diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations; and
- WHEREAS: Differences in the incidence, prevalence, and mortality of diseases, and other adverse health conditions or outcomes that exist among specific population groups, are well documented in minority populations, including African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Latinos; and
- WHEREAS: Many of the diseases and conditions that disproportionately impact minority populations are preventable, such as heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancers, and HIV/AIDS; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to create partnerships among community members, humanservice agencies, and universities to promote better health for minority communities and for all Arkansans;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016, as

## ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

across the State of Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State